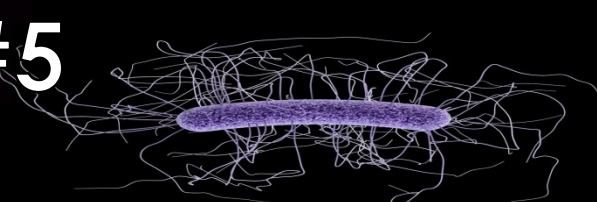


C. difficile Myth #5

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MYTH:

The hand washing soap we use at UCSF kills *C. difficile* spores.

FACTS:

- Soap DOES NOT KILL spores.
- The FRICTION of hand washing with soap and water (minimum of 15 seconds) REMOVES the *C. difficile* spores from hands.
- Use a paper towel to hold the door when exiting patients' rooms so as not to re-contaminate your clean hands.

Remember, "GEL IN, WASH OUT!"

C. difficile HO Rate FY16 TD through October: 11.6/10,000 patient days

IAP Goal FY2016: Reduce hospital onset *C. difficile* rate to **11.1 cases / 10,000 patient days.**